



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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2021 LEGISLATIVE NOTES

As expected, the legislative session has quickly come to life as there have been many more bills introduced since the end of last week. There are currently 192 House bills and 164 Senate bills. While the last day for unlimited bill submissions was January 28th, the last day for individual bill submissions is February 3rd.

This week was productive for the coming Township bill. Your Association President, Dustin Leiseth, and I met with Representative Caleb Finck on Monday morning. At this meeting we further discussed the bill and addressed issues such as the appropriation distribution method. On Thursday after session, your Association leadership and I conferenced with Representative Finck and the County's Eric Erickson and Bob Wilcox where we discussed logistics between the county and townships as it relates to the township bill. Specifically, we discussed the best and most efficient way for the townships to receive their requested monies from the counties. This meeting was productive and Representative Finck concluded by stating he would finish the remaining draft based on our discussions. The bill will be dropped next week. From there, your Association will be able to review the bill in its completed form and move forward, eventually working to gain support from other groups.

Last week I provided a list of a few bills that may have been of interest to the Association including **SB 76, An Act to revise provisions regarding public access to certain meandered bodies of water**. Upon your Association's request, I testified as an opponent of this bill on Tuesday morning where I addressed areas of concern, particularly how giving one person in the government this much authority seems less than ideal instead of the landowners making the decision themselves. After brief discussion by the Senate Ag and Natural Resources Committee, the bill was sent to the 41st legislative day by a vote of 4-3.

As previously stated, there are other bills for your Association to continue to monitor. **HB 1050, An act to modify certain publishing requirements in official newspapers**, continues to await vote on the House floor after a fiscal note was requested. **SB 74, the bill that criminalizes the intentional use of a drone** to photograph another person or if the drone is intentionally landed on another person's property, passed Senate Transportation with a vote of 6-0 after it was amended with a provision which states a forced landing is an affirmative defense.

Additionally, there have been two bills dropped this week that alter the power of county commissioners and township supervisors to vacate, change, or locate highway on petition: **HB 1190 and SB 136**. Your Association leadership and I will continue to study these bills and do our best to understand them further so that we can develop our positions further.

BILLS OF INTEREST:

Bill	Title
<u>SB 74</u>	revise certain provisions regarding drones. 01/27/2021 Transportation Do Pass Amended , Passed, YEAS 6, NAYS 0.
<u>SB 76</u>	revise provisions regarding public access to certain meandered bodies of water. 01/26/2021 Agriculture & Natural Resources Deferred to the 41st legislative day , Passed, YEAS 4, NAYS 3.
<u>SB 136</u>	change the criteria for a petition to vacate a highway. 01/28/2021 First read in Senate and referred to Senate Transportation S.J.136
<u>SB 161</u>	revise the qualifications to serve as a trustee of a county road district. 01/28/2021 Introduced
<u>HB 1028</u>	revise petition requirements and the criteria for issuance of a water right permit. 01/26/2021 Agriculture and Natural Resources Do Pass , Passed, YEAS 12, NAYS 1. 01/27/2021 House of Representatives Do Pass , Passed, YEAS 49, NAYS 21. H.J. 142 01/28/2021 First read in Senate and referred to Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources S.J.13
<u>HB 1034</u>	revise certain youth hunting requirements. 01/21/2021 Certified uncontested, placed on consent 01/25/2021 Fiscal Note Requested , Passed, H.J. 118
<u>HB 1047</u>	provide limited deer and antelope licenses to landowners. 01/13/2021 Referred to House Agriculture and Natural Resources H.J.3 02/02/2021 Scheduled for hearing
<u>HB 1050</u>	modify certain publishing requirements in official newspapers. 01/21/2021 Local Government Do Pass Amended , Passed, YEAS 8, NAYS 5. 01/25/2021 House of Representatives Deferred to another day , Passed, H.J. 118 01/26/2021 Fiscal Note Requested , Passed, H.J. 131
<u>HB 1117</u>	revise provisions for public meetings held by teleconference. 01/28/2021 First read in House and referred to House Local Government H.J.154
<u>HB 1120</u>	establish a website for the posting of notices for certain local governments. 01/28/2021 First read in House and referred to House Local Government H.J.154
<u>HB 1128</u>	establish requirements for public meeting notices and materials. 01/28/2021 First read in House and referred to House Local Government H.J.154
<u>HB 1129</u>	establish requirements for livestreamed public meetings. 01/28/2021 First read in House and referred to House Local Government H.J.154
<u>HB 1190</u>	revise the process to vacate a part of certain highways. 01/28/2021 Introduced
<u>HJR 5001</u>	To apply for a convention of states under Article V of the Constitution of the United States to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the terms of office for federal officials and members of Congress.

TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

January 12- Legislative Session Opened

February 23 - Required Township Mtg

March 2- Required Annual Meeting (SDCL 8-3-1)

March 19th & 20th– SDATAT Annual Meeting & Conference

March 30 - Required Township Meeting (SDCL 8-5-1)

April 1 - SDATAT Scholarship Applications Due

April 15 - SDATAT Bond Applications Considered Past Due

July 15 - Opt Outs Due

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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